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LINKING SHGS WITH PANCHAYATI RAJ
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the specific provisions made for the women under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and implementation position thereof;

(b) the number of women beneficiaries assisted during each of the last three years and the current year State-wise/UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government is formulating any action plan to link Self Help Groups with Panchayati Raj Institutions with the assistance of the World Bank to make women self-dependent; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a)(c) & (d): Under the Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) special emphasis has been given to the vulnerable groups among the rural poor. Accordingly the women will account for atleast 40% of the swarozgaries (50% of the Self Help Groups formed in each block should be exclusively for the women). The SGSY is implemented by District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) with the active involvement of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), the banks, the line departments and the NGOs. The DRDAs are expected to coordinate in effective implementation of the programme. The Panchayati Raj Institutions play a crucial role in implementation of the scheme such as identification and approval of the list of beneficiaries, identification of key activities, monitoring the performance of the Swarozgaris including repayment of bank loans by them, reviewing the performance of SGSY scheme in its General Board Meetings etc. The Ministry has no action plan to link Self Help Groups with Panchayati Raj Institutions with the assistance of the World Bank to make women self-dependent.

(b) The number of women swarozgaries assisted State-wise/UT-wise during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08(upto Jan.2008) is annexed.